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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION :
OF: :

JOB HOPFAN, M.D. :

Administrative Action

ORDER OF UNRESTRICTED
LICENSE

FOR REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ON :
HIS LICENSE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE :
AND SURGERY IN THE STATE OF :
NEW JERSEY :

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) upon receipt of a petition for removal of all restrictions from the medical license of Job Hopfan, M.D. By way of background, Respondent had voluntarily surrendered his license to practice medicine in the State of New Jersey pursuant to a Consent Order entered on March 27, 2000, for reason that Respondent had then suffered a relapse of substance abuse (involving use of Fioricet) and had then entered an intensive out-patient treatment program for substance abusers. The order

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required that Respondent was to surrender his license for a minimum period of six months from the date of entry of the Order, and that, before the Board would consider restoring licensure, Respondent was to appear before a Committee of the Board and then, inter alia, demonstrate that he was then not suffering from any impairment or limitation that would effect his ability to practice medicine and that he was then fit to practice medicine, provide the Board with a report from the Physicians' Health Program concerning his involvement in that Program, and provide the Board with reports from all mental health professionals who participated in Respondent's care during the period of licensure surrender.

Respondent appeared seeking reinstatement, before a Preliminary Evaluation Committee of the State Board on August 30, 2000, accompanied by Louis Baxter, M.D., Medical Director of the Physicians' Health Program, and then testified concerning the treatment he had received since surrendering his license and his practice plans. Specifically, Dr. Hopfan stated that he has been engaged in individual and group therapy with a psychologist, Dr. Arnold Washton, and receiving individual psychopharmacology treatment with Dr. Zev Labins, a psychiatrist. Dr. Washton provided a written report wherein he stated that Dr. Hopfan had been fully compliant with all aspects of his treatment plan and offered an opinion that Dr. Hopfan was fit to resume the practice of medicine. Likewise, Dr. Labins reported that, in his opinion, there was no clinical contraindication to reinstatement of

licensure. Dr. Baxter testified in support of Respondent's petition, stating that Respondent had been monitored by the Physicians' Health Program continuously since surrendering his license. Dr. Baxter testified that Respondent had been completely compliant with the Physicians' Health Program and vigorous in pursuing his treatment plan. Dr. Baxter also presented evidence demonstrating that the Physicians' Health Program had conducted twice weekly random urine monitoring of Dr. Hopfan, and provided documentation demonstrating that all tests had been negative. On January 3, 2001, the Board filed a Consent Order of Reinstatement of Licensure with certain restrictions.

On May 24, 2006, Dr. Hopfan appeared seeking an unrestricted license and testified before a Committee of the Board accompanied by Dr. Baxter of the Professional Assistance Program of New Jersey (PAP). Dr. Hopfan testified that he attends AA meetings at a minimum of three per week, continues to see Dr. Arnold Washton for group therapy, continues to see Dr. Zev Labins for individual psychopharmacology treatment, and maintains absolute abstinence from all mood altering substances. Dr. Baxter testified that Dr. Hopfan has been fully compliant with the January 3, 2001 Consent Order and "vigorously" supports Dr. Hopfan's petition for an Order of Unrestricted Licensure.

Upon review of available information, the Board is satisfied that Respondent has made all demonstrations of present fitness to practice required to be made by operation of the January 3, 2001

Consent Order. The Board thus concludes that cause exists at this time to enter an Order of unrestricted licensure. The Board being further satisfied that the within Order adequately protects the public health, safety and welfare, and that good cause exists for entry of the within Order,

IT IS THEREFORE ON THIS 26th DAY OF April, 2007;

ORDERED:

1. Job Hopfan, M.D. is hereby granted an unrestricted license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey.

STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By:

Sindy Paul, MD

Sindy Paul, M.D., President